

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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PUNISHMENT TO CORRUPT OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 5,000 corrupt officials are yet to be punished by the CVC;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): The penalty against Government officials can be imposed only by their appointing authorities.

(c): Several steps have already been taken in order to remove corruption; and to improve administrative functioning. Important among them are: enactment of the Right to Information Act, 2005; Notification of the Whistle Blowers Resolution 2004; the pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and strengthening the CBI to discharge its anti corruption work; increased use of Information and Communication Technology; introduction of Citizens Charters and simplification of procedures and systems etc.